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United Sta Northe			Volu	ıntary Petition	
Name of Debtor (if individual, enter Last, First, Mid Freeman, Steven L.	Name of Joint Debtor (Spouse) (Last, First, Middle):				
All Other Names used by the Debtor in the last 8 yea (include married, maiden, and trade names):		sed by the Joint Debtor i naiden, and trade names)		years	
Last four digits of Soc. Sec. or Individual-Taxpayer EIN (if more than one, state all): <b>5384</b>	_	Last four digits of Soc. Sec. or Individual-Taxpayer I.D. (ITIN) No./Complete EIN (if more than one, state all):			
Street Address of Debtor (No. & Street, City, State & 6654 S. Richmond Chicago, IL	Street Address of Jo	Street Address of Joint Debtor (No. & Street, City, State & Zip Code):			
Cinicago, iL	ZIPCODE 60629			Z	ZIPCODE
County of Residence or of the Principal Place of Bus Cook	County of Residence	County of Residence or of the Principal Place of Business:			
Mailing Address of Debtor (if different from street a	Mailing Address of	Mailing Address of Joint Debtor (if different from street address):			
	ZIPCODE			Z	ZIPCODE
Location of Principal Assets of Business Debtor (if o	different from street address	above):		•	
			_	Z	ZIPCODE
Type of Debtor (Form of Organization) (Check one box.)  ✓ Individual (includes Joint Debtors) See Exhibit D on page 2 of this form.  ☐ Corporation (includes LLC and LLP) ☐ Partnership ☐ Other (If debtor is not one of the above entities, check this box and state type of entity below.)  Filing Fee (Check one box for the court's consideral is unable to pay fee except in installments. Rule I 3A.  ☐ Filing Fee waiver requested (Applicable to chapte attach signed application for the court's consideral tatch signed application for the court's consideral attach signed application for the court's consideral tatch signed application for the co	o individuals only). Must tion certifying that the debto 006(b). See Official Form r 7 individuals only). Must	pt Entity f applicable.) pt organization under I States Code (the le).  Check one box: Debtor is a smal Debtor is not a s Check if: Debtor's aggregaffiliates are less Check all applicab A plan is being f	the Petitio  the Petitio  Chapter 7  Chapter 9  Chapter 11  Chapter 12  Chapter 13  Debts are primaril debts, defined in 1 \$ 101(8) as "incur individual primaril personal, family, o hold purpose."  Chapter 11 I  business debtor as definantly business debtor as defined in 1 \$ 100 purpose."	n is Filed ((	box.)  Debts are primarily business debts.  S.C. § 101(51D). 1 U.S.C. § 101(51D).
creditors, in accordance with 11 U.S.C. § 1126(b).  Statistical/Administrative Information  ✓ Debtor estimates that funds will be available for distribution to unsecured creditors.  Debtor estimates that, after any exempt property is excluded and administrative expenses paid, there will be no funds available for distribution to unsecured creditors.  COURT USE ONLY distribution to unsecured creditors.					
Estimated Number of Creditors	5,001-	0,001- 25,001- 25,000 50,000		Over 100,000	
Estimated Assets	000,001 to \$10,000,001	550,000,001 to \$100,00 to \$500	00,001 \$500,000,001 0 million to \$1 billion	More than \$1 billion	
Estimated Liabilities	000,001 to \$10,000,001	550,000,001 to \$100,00 to \$500	00,001 \$500,000,001 0 million to \$1 billion	More than \$1 billion	

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	District.
	Exhibit A  (To be completed if debtor is required to file perio 10K and 10Q) with the Securities and Exchange C Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange requesting relief under chapter 11.)  Exhibit A is attached and made a part of this
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© 1993-2008 EZ-Filing, Inc. [1-800-998-2424] - Forms Software Only	Does the debtor own or have possession of any pror safety?  Yes, and Exhibit C is attached and made a part No
© 1993-2008 EZ-Filing, Inc	(To be completed by every individual debtor. If a  ▼ Exhibit D completed and signed by the de  If this is a joint petition:  □ Exhibit D also completed and signed by t
	Debtor has been domiciled or has had a respreceding the date of this petition or for a  ☐ There is a bankruptcy case concerning de ☐ Debtor is a debtor in a foreign proceeding
	or has no principal place of business or ass in this District, or the interests of the part

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(This page must be completed and filed in every case)	Freeman, Steven L.	
Prior Bankruptcy Case Filed Within Last 8	<b>Years</b> (If more than two, attach	additional sheet)
Location Where Filed: Northern District Of Illinois - Chapter 13	Case Number: <b>08</b>	Date Filed:
Location Where Filed: <b>N/A</b>	Case Number:	Date Filed:
Pending Bankruptcy Case Filed by any Spouse, Partner or	Affiliate of this Debtor (If mor	re than one, attach additional sheet)
Name of Debtor: None	Case Number:	Date Filed:
District:	Relationship:	Judge:
Exhibit A  (To be completed if debtor is required to file periodic reports (e.g., forms 10K and 10Q) with the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and is requesting relief under chapter 11.)  Exhibit A is attached and made a part of this petition.	(To be completed whose debts are pr I, the attorney for the petitioner r that I have informed the petitior chapter 7, 11, 12, or 13 of tit explained the relief available un	if debtor is an individual rimarily consumer debts.)  mamed in the foregoing petition, declare that [he or she] may proceed under le 11, United States Code, and have der each such chapter. I further certify the notice required by § 342(b) of the
	X /s/ Veronica D. Joyner, E	Es <i>q.</i> 9/12/08
	Signature of Attorney for Debtor(s)	Date
Does the debtor own or have possession of any property that poses or is a or safety?  Yes, and Exhibit C is attached and made a part of this petition.  No  Exhibit C be completed by every individual debtor. If a joint petition is filed, ea  Exhibit D completed and signed by the debtor is attached and made if this is a joint petition:	bit D ach spouse must complete and atta	
Exhibit D also completed and signed by the joint debtor is attached	ed a made a part of this petition.	
Information Regardin  (Check any ap  (Check any ap  Debtor has been domiciled or has had a residence, principal place of preceding the date of this petition or for a longer part of such 180  ☐ There is a bankruptcy case concerning debtor's affiliate, general place of business or assets in the United States to in this District, or the interests of the parties will be served in regarding.	oplicable box.) of business, or principal assets in the days than in any other District. ourtner, or partnership pending in tace of business or principal assets but is a defendant in an action or pre-	this District. in the United States in this District, oceeding [in a federal or state court]
Certification by a Debtor Who Reside	es as a Tenant of Residential l	Property
(Check all app  Landlord has a judgment against the debtor for possession of deb		omplete the following.)
(Name of landlord or lesso	or that obtained judgment)	
☐ Debtor claims that under applicable nonbankruptcy law, there are the entire monetary default that gave rise to the judgment for poss	circumstances under which the de	*
	session, after the judgment for post	session was entered, and
Debtor has included in this petition the deposit with the court of a filing of the petition.		

## Voluntary Petition

(This page must be completed and filed in every case)

Name of Debtor(s):

Freeman, Steven L.

## Signatures

### $Signature(s) \ of \ Debtor(s) \ (Individual/Joint)$

I declare under penalty of perjury that the information provided in this petition is true and correct.

[If petitioner is an individual whose debts are primarily consumer debts and has chosen to file under Chapter 7] I am aware that I may proceed under chapter 7, 11, 12 or 13 of title 11, United State Code, understand the relief available under each such chapter, and choose to proceed under chapter 7

[If no attorney represents me and no bankruptcy petition preparer signs the petition] I have obtained and read the notice required by 11 U.S.C. § 342(b).

I request relief in accordance with the chapter of title 11, United States Code, specified in this petition.

X /s/ Steven L. Freeman
Signature of Debtor Steven L. Freeman

Signature of Joint Debtor

Telephone Number (If not represented by attorney)

September 12, 2008

Date

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#### Signature of a Foreign Representative

I declare under penalty of perjury that the information provided in this petition is true and correct, that I am the foreign representative of a debtor in a foreign proceeding, and that I am authorized to file this petition.

(Check only one box.)

- ☐ I request relief in accordance with chapter 15 of title 11, United States Code. Certified copies of the documents required by 11 U.S.C. § 1515 are attached.
- ☐ Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 1511, I request relief in accordance with the chapter of title 11 specified in this petition. A certified copy of the order granting recognition of the foreign main proceeding is attached.

Signature of Foreign Representative			

Date

#### Signature of Attorney\*

### X /s/ Veronica D. Joyner, Esq.

Signature of Attorney for Debtor(s)

Veronica D. Joyner, Esq. 6239246

Printed Name of Attorney for Debtor(s)

Joyner Law Office

Firm Name

120 S State St Ste 200

Address

Chicago, IL 60603

Telephone Number

#### **September 12, 2008**

Date

\*In a case in which § 707(b)(4)(D) applies, this signature also constitutes a certification that the attorney has no knowledge after an inquiry that the information in the schedules is incorrect.

#### Signature of Debtor (Corporation/Partnership)

I declare under penalty of perjury that the information provided in this petition is true and correct, and that I have been authorized to file this petition on behalf of the debtor.

The debtor requests relief in accordance with the chapter of title 11, United States Code, specified in this petition.

Signatu	are of Authoria	zed Individual		
Printed	Name of Aut	horized Individ	lual	
Title o	f Authorized I	ndividual		

#### **Signature of Non-Attorney Petition Preparer**

I declare under penalty of perjury that: 1) I am a bankruptcy petition preparer as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 110; 2) I prepared this document for compensation and have provided the debtor with a copy of this document and the notices and information required under 11 U.S.C. §§ 110(b), 110(h) and 342(b); 3) if rules or guidelines have been promulgated pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 110(h) setting a maximum fee for services chargeable by bankruptcy petition preparers, I have given the debtor notice of the maximum amount before preparing any document for filing for a debtor or accepting any fee from the debtor, as required in that section. Official Form 19 is attached.

Printed Name and title, if any, of Bankruptcy Petition Preparer

Social Security Number (If the bankruptcy petition preparer is not an individual, state the Social Security number of the officer, principal, responsible person or partner of the bankruptcy petition preparer.) (Required by 11 U.S.C. § 110.)

Address

X

Signature of Bankruptcy Petition Preparer or officer, principal, responsible person, or partner whose social security number is provided above.

Date

Names and Social Security numbers of all other individuals who prepared or assisted in preparing this document unless the bankruptcy petition preparer is not an individual:

If more than one person prepared this document, attach additional sheets conforming to the appropriate official form for each person.

A bankruptcy petition preparer's failure to comply with the provisions of title 11 and the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure may result in fines or imprisonment or both 11 U.S.C. § 110; 18 U.S.C. § 156.

## NOTICE TO INDIVIDUAL CONSUMER DEBTOR UNDER § 342(b) OF THE BANKRUPTCY CODE

In accordance with § 342(b) of the Bankruptcy Code, this notice: (1) Describes briefly the services available from credit counseling services; (2) Describes briefly the purposes, benefits and costs of the four types of bankruptcy proceedings you may commence; and (3) Informs you about bankruptcy crimes and notifies you that the Attorney General may examine all information you supply in connection with a bankruptcy case. You are cautioned that bankruptcy law is complicated and not easily described. Thus, you may wish to seek the advice of an attorney to learn of your rights and responsibilities should you decide to file a petition. Court employees cannot give you legal advice.

## 1. Services Available from Credit Counseling Agencies

With limited exceptions, § 109(h) of the Bankruptcy Code requires that all individual debtors who file for bankruptcy relief on or after October 17, 2005, receive a briefing that outlines the available opportunities for credit counseling and provides assistance in performing a budget analysis. The briefing must be given within 180 days <u>before</u> the bankruptcy filing. The briefing may be provided individually or in a group (including briefings conducted by telephone or on the Internet) and must be provided by a nonprofit budget and credit counseling agency approved by the United States trustee or bankruptcy administrator. The clerk of the bankruptcy court has a list that you may consult of the approved budget and credit counseling agencies.

In addition, after filing a bankruptcy case, an individual debtor generally must complete a financial management instructional course before he or she can receive a discharge. The clerk also has a list of approved financial management instructional courses.

#### 2. The Four Chapters of the Bankruptcy Code Available to Individual Consumer Debtors

#### Chapter 7: Liquidation (\$245 filing fee, \$39 administrative fee, \$15 trustee surcharge: Total fee \$299)

- 1. Chapter 7 is designed for debtors in financial difficulty who do not have the ability to pay their existing debts. Debtors whose debts are primarily consumer debts are subject to a "means test" designed to determine whether the case should be permitted to proceed under chapter 7. If your income is greater than the median income for your state of residence and family size, in some cases, creditors have the right to file a motion requesting that the court dismiss your case under § 707(b) of the Code. It is up to the court to decide whether the case should be dismissed.
- 2. Under chapter 7, you may claim certain of your property as exempt under governing law. A trustee may have the right to take possession of and sell the remaining property that is not exempt and use the sale proceeds to pay your creditors.
- 3. The purpose of filing a chapter 7 case is to obtain a discharge of your existing debts. If, however, you are found to have committed certain kinds of improper conduct described in the Bankruptcy Code, the court may deny your discharge and, if it does, the purpose for which you filed the bankruptcy petition will be defeated.
- 4. Even if you receive a general discharge, some particular debts are not discharged under the law. Therefore, you may still be responsible for most taxes and student loans; debts incurred to pay nondischargeable taxes; domestic support and property settlement obligations; most fines, penalties, forfeitures, and criminal restitution obligations; certain debts which are not properly listed in your bankruptcy papers; and debts for death or personal injury caused by operating a motor vehicle, vessel, or aircraft while intoxicated from alcohol or drugs. Also, if a creditor can prove that a debt arose from fraud, breach of fiduciary duty, or theft, or from a willful and malicious injury, the bankruptcy court may determine that the debt is not discharged.

## <u>Chapter 13</u>: Repayment of All or Part of the Debts of an Individual with Regular Income (\$235 filing fee, \$39 administrative fee: Total fee \$274)

- 1. Chapter 13 is designed for individuals with regular income who would like to pay all or part of their debts in instalments over a period of time. You are only eligible for chapter 13 if your debts do not exceed certain dollar amounts set forth in the Bankruptcy Code.
- 2. Under chapter 13, you must file with the court a plan to repay your creditors all or part of the money that you owe them,

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using your future earnings. The period allowed by the court to repay your debts may be three years or five years, depending upon your income and other factors. The court must approve your plan before it can take effect.

3. After completing the payments under your plan, your debts are generally discharged except for domestic support obligations; most student loans; certain taxes; most criminal fines and restitution obligations; certain debts which are not properly listed in your bankruptcy papers; certain debts for acts that caused death or personal injury; and certain long term secured obligations.

#### Chapter 11: Reorganization (\$1000 filing fee, \$39 administrative fee: Total fee \$1039)

Chapter 11 is designed for the reorganization of a business but is also available to consumer debtors. Its provisions are quite complicated, and any decision by an individual to file a chapter 11 petition should be reviewed with an attorney.

#### Chapter 12: Family Farmer or Fisherman (\$200 filing fee, \$39 administrative fee: Total fee \$239)

Chapter 12 is designed to permit family farmers and fishermen to repay their debts over a period of time from future earnings and is similar to chapter 13. The eligibility requirements are restrictive, limiting its use to those whose income arises primarily from a family-owned farm or commercial fishing operation.

## 3. Bankruptcy Crimes and Availability of Bankruptcy Papers to Law Enforcement Officials

A person who knowingly and fraudulently conceals assets or makes a false oath or statement under penalty of perjury, either orally or in writing, in connection with a bankruptcy case is subject to a fine, imprisonment, or both. All information supplied by a debtor in connection with a bankruptcy case is subject to examination by the Attorney General acting through the Office of the United States Trustee, the Office of the United States Attorney, and other components and employees of the Department of Justice.

**WARNING:** Section 521(a)(1) of the Bankruptcy Code requires that you promptly file detailed information regarding your creditors, assets, liabilities, income, expenses and general financial condition. Your bankruptcy case may be dismissed if this information is not filed with the court within the time deadlines set by the Bankruptcy Code, the Bankruptcy Rules, and the local rules of the court.

### Certificate of [Non-Attorney] Bankruptcy Petition Preparer

I, the [non-attorney] bankruptcy petition preparer signing the debtor's petition, hereby certify that I delivered to the debtor this notice required by § 342(b) of the Bankruptcy Code.

Printed Name and title, if any, of Bankruptcy Petition Preparer Address:	Social Security number (If the bankruptcy petition preparer is not an individual, state the Social Security number of the officer,
X	principal, responsible person, or partner of the bankruptcy petition preparer.) (Required by 11 U.S.C. § 110.)
Signature of Bankruptcy Petition Preparer of officer, principal, responsible person, or partner whose Social Security number is provided above.	
Certificate of the Debtor I (We), the debtor(s), affirm that I (we) have received and read this notice.	

Freeman, Steven L.	X /s/ Steven L. Freeman	9/12/2008
Printed Name(s) of Debtor(s)	Signature of Debtor	Date
Case No. (if known)	X	
	Signature of Joint Debtor (if any)	Date

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United States Bankruptcy Court
Northern District of Illinois

IN	IN RE:	Case No.
Fre	Freeman, Steven L.	Chapter 13
	Debtor(s)	
	DISCLOSURE OF COM	IPENSATION OF ATTORNEY FOR DEBTOR
1.		I certify that I am the attorney for the above-named debtor(s) and that compensation paid to me within ed to be paid to me, for services rendered or to be rendered on behalf of the debtor(s) in contemplation
	For legal services, I have agreed to accept	\$\$
	Prior to the filing of this statement I have received	\$ <u>800.00</u>
	Balance Due	\$\$
2.	2. The source of the compensation paid to me was: Debtor	Other (specify):
3.	3. The source of compensation to be paid to me is: Debtor	Other (specify):
4.	4. I have not agreed to share the above-disclosed compensati	on with any other person unless they are members and associates of my law firm.
		with a person or persons who are not members or associates of my law firm. A copy of the agreement
5.	5. In return for the above-disclosed fee, I have agreed to render le	gal service for all aspects of the bankruptcy case, including:
	b. Preparation and filing of any petition, schedules, statemen	d confirmation hearing, and any adjourned hearings thereof;
6.	6. By agreement with the debtor(s), the above disclosed fee does not be a second or a second of the	not include the following services:
		CERTIFICATION
	I certify that the foregoing is a complete statement of any agreeme proceeding.	ent or arrangement for payment to me for representation of the debtor(s) in this bankruptcy
	September 12, 2008 /s/	Veronica D. Joyner, Esq.
-	Date	Signature of Attorney

Joyner Law Office

Name of Law Firm